

Abstract of the Disclosure**Duplication Space**

The present invention provides a method and apparatus for sharing data over a network, having a plurality of network-connected terminals (101, 104, 106, 108), each comprising visual display means (204, 213, 223), processing means (301, 401), storage means (305) and memory means (304, 404); wherein said memory means is configured to store program instructions (503) for equipping objects stored therein with attributes and for managing the duplication of said objects. Said processing means (301, 401) is configurable by said program instructions (503) to perform the steps of equipping an object with attributes (603) at a first of said network terminals; at a second of said network terminals, matching said object attributes of said first terminal with the attributes of an object amongst all of the objects stored in said second terminal (604); duplicating said object from said second terminal to said first terminal (605); at said first terminal, accessing data in said duplicated object using locally executed object instructions (606); and maintaining data consistency between said duplicated objects (607).

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